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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.R. 2832, a bill extending the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) and Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) programs, as amended by the U.S. Senate.

Manufacturers support the extension of GSP, which provides preferential access to certain imports from selected developing countries. Last year, \$23 billion of imports came into our nation duty-free under GSP, nearly three-quarters of which were raw materials, components, parts, or other inputs used to manufacture goods here in the United States. GSP reduces these companies' input costs, making their products more competitive with their global counterparts. Moreover, it is estimated that nearly 82,000 U.S. jobs are directly or indirectly associated with the importation and use of GSP-eligible imports.

The legislation as amended by the Senate also contains language renewing portions of the TAA program. This program offers key retraining that, in cases where U.S. job losses are directly tied to trade, provides workers with the support, training and opportunity to learn new skills that help contribute to the 21st-century manufacturing economy. The NAM has long supported TAA as a means to providing assistance to trade-impacted workers.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 2832, as amended by the U.S. Senate, including procedural motions, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 112th Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Key Manufacturing Vote